



Items of Interest

City offices will be closed on Friday, December 31. Trash normally picked up on Friday will be picked up on Thursday.

Sturgis Family Fun Night - Tropical New Year's Eve Celebration December 31 starting at 4:00 p.m. Activities include roller skating & swimming at the Community Center; live music and activities at the Center For The Arts; games and crafts at the Armory.

CPR classes will be held on January 22 from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Sturgis Community Center. The cost is \$30. You may register by calling the Black Hills Red Cross office at 342-4010.

Computer Classes are held each Thursday at the Sturgis Public Library from 5:30 to 6:30. Classes are free to the public, registration is not required.

Announcements and Meetings

Sturgis City Council: Monday, January 3 and 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sturgis Community Center on Lazelle Street.

Forestry: January 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Fire Department.

Park Board: January 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Morman Law office.

Planning and Zoning Commission: January 11 and 25 at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.

MUB Board: January 12 at 8:00 a.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Sturgis Arts Council: January 13 at 7:00 p.m. downstairs at City Hall.

Library Board: January 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the Sturgis Library.

Higher Efficiency Means Lower Costs To Residents

The Public Works Department recently obtained a \$223,500 grant from the Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) for the purchase of equipment.

The City took this opportunity to purchase a John Deere loader and an Oshkosh dump truck that can be used to meet a variety of needs.

The new loader will be used for snow removal, Rubble Site operations, street maintenance and sewer repairs. The dump truck supports Rubble Site operations and is also equipped with a plow and a sand spreader so it can be used to improve slippery streets.

As part of the Continuous Improvement Program, the City is always searching for ways to provide maximum value services to residents at the lowest possible cost. The “double duty” of this equipment allows the City to provide more services with less equipment which means lower costs to residents.

The City also acquired two road graders and two snow blowers through grant programs. There was no cost to residents for the purchase of this equipment.



The City recently purchased this John Deere loader with a grant from the DENR.

Snow Route Ticket And Tow In Effect

On December 15, the new Ticket and Tow amendment to the Snow Removal Ordinance took effect. The amendment requires vehicle owners living on designated Snow Removal Routes to move their vehicles off the street when the National Weather Service (NWS) forecast calls for 4 inches or more of snow within a 24 hour period of time.

If a vehicle is in violation of the ordinance, the vehicle will be ticketed and towed by the Police Department.

The intent of the ordinance is to have vehicles along the designated Snow Routes completely off the streets so snow removal equipment can plow curb to curb quickly and efficiently. Vehicles are allowed to resume parking on the street once it has been cleared.

All Snow Routes are clearly marked with advisory signage.

Questions relating to the ordinance can be directed to the Police Department at 347-2573.



Rally Charities Receive Funds

The Sturgis Rally Department has made a donation of \$22,669 to Sturgis Rally Charities (SRC). The proceeds are a direct result of the 2010 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. Funds are given to SRC on an annual basis.

In addition to the SRC donation, the 8th Annual Sturgis Mayor's Ride raised \$10,500 for the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department, \$2,000 for the Sturgis Special Olympics/Sturgis Police Department Reserves and \$1,000 for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation.

The funds generated annually from the Mayor's Ride allows the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department to purchase equipment and provide professional volunteer firefighting services, which otherwise would be funded by taxpayer dollars.

The 8th Annual Mayor's Ride was supported by sponsors Jack Daniel's, Ford Motor Company, Geico, Black Hills Power, Budweiser, Coca-Cola, South Dakota Pork Producers, Rosenbauer Firefighting Technology, The American Motorcycle Association and Knology.

Council Update

The following ordinance is currently being considered by the Sturgis City Council:

Ordinance 2010-16 (amendment): Temporary Structures - Temporary structures, such as vending stands, canopies, and tents may be erected in areas zoned Highway Service and General Commercial, provided that a special Temporary Structure Permit is obtained for each structure. No temporary merchant shall erect a temporary structure more than 48 hours prior to being operational and open for normal business or leave the structure erected for more than 48 hours after the conclusion of normal business. Said vendor must also possess a valid vending license issued by the City of Sturgis. *Second reading is scheduled for January 3 with possible changes.*

Proposed ordinances and amendments may be viewed in their entirety online at www.sturgis-sd.gov under the Government tab - Mayor/Council.

The Sturgis City Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month. Council agendas are posted on the public bulletin board outside the main door at City Hall and on the City website no later than the Friday prior to Council meetings. Minutes from previous Council meetings are also posted on the City website.

If you would like to be scheduled on the City Council agenda, contact City Hall at 347-4422 no later than the Thursday prior to the Council meeting.



Santa's Recycling Station

If you have Christmas decorations that you no longer use but can't bear to throw away, you are invited to participate in Santa's Recycling Station. Simply drop off your unwanted decorations and holiday treasures at the Sturgis Library by January 7. The items collected will be offered for sale at the Armory on Saturday, January 8 from 10 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. All funds raised will go to local non-profit groups including the Crisis Intervention Center, the Food Pantry, the Sturgis Library, and the Senior Citizens Center.

This is a great chance to recycle those gently used holiday treasures you no longer want.

For further information contact Carol Hallock at 490-1901 or Francie Ruebel-Alberts at 490-1113.

Employee Spotlight - Community Center Custodians

After the Community Center is locked for the night and the last member has gone home, the custodial staff jumps into high gear and prepares the facility for the next day's business.

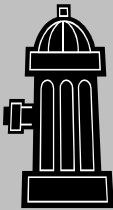
The custodial staff is responsible for sanitizing and cleaning the locker rooms and all restrooms; vacuuming; cleaning windows and furniture; removing trash; and auto-scrubbing the lobby and gymnasium.

Some evenings also require breaking down and storing furniture after an event. The staff is also in charge of maintenance upkeep on the facility: painting, polishing the lobby tiles, sealing the gym floor, deep cleaning the meeting room carpets, and more.

To accomplish all these tasks, the Community Center employs two full-time professional custodians (Elvira Pittman and Sherri Adams) as well as two part-time custodians (Dan Meirose and Eli Bueno). This dedicated staff goes about its work with a smile and cheerful attitude. Director Rod Heikes says he rarely gets complaints about the cleanliness of the Community Center facilities, which is a direct testament to the hard work done by our custodial staff as they meet and exceed the high expectations of our members.

Please Shovel The Hydrants

The Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department asks residents to remove snow from around all fire hydrants so they can be identified and quickly accessed during emergencies.



Reminder - Area Law Enforcement agencies will be conducting DUI checkpoints at various locations in the community during the holidays.

Play it safe and use a designated driver.

Library News

The **Winter Reading Series** is centered on a study of World War II. We appreciate personal stories at the discussions, so come to share your family's WWII experiences.

The series kicks off with Kathy Antonen leading the discussion of We Band of Angels, by Elizabeth Norman at 7 p.m. on January 25 in the Program Room at the Sturgis Public Library. This book is concerned with army and navy nurses during WWII.

Did you know that you can access **Consumer Reports** from home with your Sturgis Public Library Card? Search for top picks using a database made available through the S.D. Library Network.

For more information, call the library at 347-2624 or stop by for instructions.

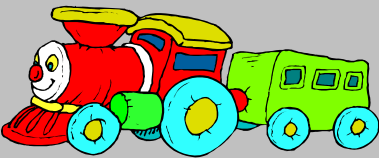
Sturgis Community Center

Sign up as a new member from January 10 - 16 and get an entire month FREE!



Kindergarten - 6th Girl's Basketball registration deadline is January 7

In December, city employees donated \$1,200 to Toys for Tots. Each year employees contribute to the Toys for Tots program. The donation made in 2010 set a new record for the group.



Drop off your Christmas tree for recycling at the designated area on Ballpark Road near the Fire Station from December 26 until January 28.

Recycling Fees Implemented

In August, a small fee was added to the sanitary portion of all residential and commercial utility bills. This fee is earmarked for the implementation of an expanded recycling program beginning in 2012 that will enable the recycling of plastics, tin, aluminum, and glass.



The fees will be used to purchase recycling trailers and making updates to current recycling equipment and facilities to accommodate the additional recyclables.

The recycling fee is based on the size of the trash tote. 90 gallon totes have a fee of \$1.00 per month and 300 gallon totes are assessed a \$3.00 per month fee.

Presently, we are recycling newsprint and cardboard. So far this year, 103,580 pounds of cardboard and 95,920 pounds of newsprint have been diverted from the landfill saving the City \$4,154.53 in fees.

The newsprint trailer and the cardboard receptacle are located on the west side of the Public Works Office at 1057 Dudley Street.

For more information call 347-3916 or visit the Public Works section of the City website at www.sturgis-sd.gov.

Contact Information

City Manager 347-4422
City Attorney 347-4422
Code Enforcement 347-4424
Community Development 347-4424
Finance Office 347-4422
Human Resources 347-4422
Rally Department 720-0800
1040 2nd Street

Community Center 347-6513
5:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Fri.
8:00 - 8:00 Sat.
Noon - 8:00 Sun.
1401 Lazelle Street

Fire & Ambulance 347-5801
Emergency 911
7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1901 Ballpark Road

Library 347-2624
8:30 - 7:00 Mon. - Thu.
8:30 - 5:00 Fri.
8:30 - 4:00 Sat.
1040 2nd Street

Liquor Store 347-5983
8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat.
10:00 - 8:00 Sun.
1075 Lazelle Street

Parks Department 347-9018
8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri.
1920 Ballpark Road
Shelter Reservations call 347-4422

Police Department 347-5070
Emergency 911
1400 Main Street

Public Works 347-3916
7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri.
1057 Dudley Street
Rubble Site
8:00 - 5:00 Tue. - Fri.
8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00 Mon. and Sat.

Water Department 347-4425
8:00 - 4:45 Mon. - Fri.
After Hour Emergency call
Police Dispatch 347-2573
1040 2nd Street